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Faculty Senate Meeting

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Dr. Hall called the February meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3:30, p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Ms. Virginia Kinman	Dr. Jeffery Peden
Dr. Brian Bates	Dr. Chrystyna	Dr. Carmen Phelps
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Kosarchyn	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Craig Challender	Dr. Dennis Malfatti	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Evelyn Hume	Dr. Melanie Marks	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Deneese Jones	Dr. Wayne McWee	Dr. Pamela Tracy
Dr. Stephen Keith	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Ed Kinman	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Ms. Kathy Worster
	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Ms. Sara Qualkinbush

Members absent were Dr. David Coles, Dr. Joe Garcia, and Dr. Sue McCullough. Others in attendance were Ms. Fran Arehart, Mr. Wendell Barbour, Dr. Jená Burges, Ms. Alecia Knox, and Dr. Frank Moore.

The minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2005, were approved as distributed.

Ms. Menegoni presented the December and January EPC reports (attached to the agenda). There were no action items and there were no questions about information items.

Ms. Kathy Worster explained changes in the policy for External Grants and Contracts (attached to the agenda) stemming from the establishment of a Grants Office. There were no comments on or objections to the changes. The policy will go to the Board and then be added to the Administrative handbook. Corresponding changes will be made in the policy as printed in the Faculty handbook.

Dr. Hall called on Ms. Arehart who explained the decision not to give out actual diplomas at the graduation ceremony but to mail them to students the Monday after graduation. This decision was made to insure that students get their own diplomas. Given the number of graduates (over 800 this coming May), it is easy for a mix-up to occur in an effort to see that each gets the correct document on the stage.

Dr. Hall called on Dr. Moore who announced the state requirement that each Longwood employee receive annual refresh training in security issues. A signed statement that each employee has complied with the requirement is to be placed in each person's personnel file. Dr. Tracy asked whether this training could be administered electronically, and Dr. McWee asked Dr. Moore to follow up on her suggestion.

Dr. Wright moved the adoption of the revised policy on Lecturers (attached to the agenda). She explained that the changes were in response to the establishment of the rank of Senior Lecturer. After discussion of the introductory paragraph of N. REVIEW OF LECTURERS AND ADJUNCT FACULTY, Dr. Peden moved to amend the main motion to reword the paragraph as follows:

Persons employed as lecturers are not eligible for tenure and therefore not classified as “probationary faculty.” However, each lecturer and continuing lecturer shall be reviewed by the Department Promotion and Tenure Committee and the department chair.

and to add before Section N, 2. Adjunct Faculty the following wording:

Each adjunct faculty member shall be reviewed by his or her department chair.

The motion was seconded and passed.

There was some discussion of the terms *continuing lecturer* and *senior lecturer*. Dr. Rider suggested a clarification that the committee will consider.

After considerable discussion, Dr. Bjornsen moved the deletion from section H of the sentence: “Requirements for scholarly productivity are determined by departmental standards” and the replacement of the original wording. The motion was seconded. Dr. Rider made a motion to refer the document to committee. His motion was seconded and carried. The committee was asked to consider departmental differences in reconsidering the issue of scholarly productivity.

Dr. Hall asked Senators if a change in the meeting time for Senate was advisable, suggesting the former practice of holding Senate meetings on Thursdays at the 11:00 hour and holding Senate elections early enough so that schedules could be constructed setting aside that hour for meetings. Several people mentioned disadvantages or problems that would then occur. The consensus seemed to be against a change.

Miscellaneous and announcements:

1. Dr. Hall will canvass faculty members for those interested in serving on the President’s Longwood University Committee for a Sustainable Environment. The Executive Committee will then suggest two names.
2. Dr. Chris Jones is to be added to the Parking Committee so that there will be representation from each College.
3. Dr. Brock-Servais mentioned the work of the Bylaws Committee and proposed voting on some changes and discussing others at the March general faculty meeting.
4. Ms. Knox warned the Senate that the migration to Banner was going to involve the reexamination of policies, some of which have been in effect for decades, to ascertain whether the policies are really still the will of the faculty. She mentioned as an example the policy on repeated courses. These things will come to the Senate during the next year.
5. Dr. Pearson talked about the recent crime report involving what was essentially a “hate crime.” He mentioned the request the SGA will make to the Board of Visitors that sexual orientation be added to the University’s affirmative action statement. Such a statement is already in the Student Handbook. Dr. Brock-Servais and Dr. Tracy will

work on a statement of support to bring to the next Senate meeting which Dr. Brock-Servais will convey to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board and Dr. Challender to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Susan May